

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES
BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2015**

Question

Given that the Minister's response to question 9037 on 3rd November 2015 reveals that the Minister has already removed 1 in 8 TTS posts concentrated on municipals where 1 in 6 workers (17%) have been lost, and that he has already cancelled one contract (Andium) due to lack of staff and has stated that he will cancel others when vacancies allow, will the Minister inform members what model he has for the delivery of municipal services in the following areas in light of these large scale reductions -

- cleaning services - will any cleaners be retained, and, if so, on which contracts?
- parks and gardens - to what extent will his department continue its responsibility for the parks and gardens as an essential element to a continuing tourism industry or will it simply outsource these services?

Has the Minister yet engaged with the Connétables over the maintenance of parks, gardens and green spaces within their parishes following any reductions in Transport and Technical Services' gardening services?

Answer

I would like to refer the Deputy to my response to question 9037 where it was stated that the Department would not be able to inform States Members of the proposed future model for delivering Municipal Services until the Service Reviews have been completed in 2016.

The Department has had preliminary discussions with the Connétable of St Helier regarding the future maintenance of the Town Park. However, the Department has not engaged with the other Parish Connétables over the maintenance of parks, gardens and green spaces within their parishes as its not looking to reduce the standard of services that it currently provides but to investigate whether these services could be delivered in a more efficient and effective manner.